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# Hearing: "The President's Fiscal Year 2007 Budget: Coast Guard Programs Impacting Maritime Border Security"

WHO: Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection,

and Cybersecurity

Chairman Dan Lungren (R-CA)

WHEN: 5 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2006

WHERE: 311 Cannon House Office Building

### **WITNESS**

Admiral Thomas Collins Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity will review a number of the homeland security missions of the United States Coast Guard and evaluate how such missions have impacted the agency's assets, operations, and strategic plan for the future. Specifically, Members will review the restructuring of the Integrated Deepwater System (IDS) to support the Coast Guard's homeland security missions, examine the transfer of the National Capital Region's Air Defense mission, and explore the Administration's proposal to expand the current Expanded Maritime Safety and Security Team (EMSST) to an interagency Maritime Security Response Team (MSRT) with a 24/7 capability.